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## **HEROES AMONG US: *BOB McELROY***

*"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being."*

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

On March 19, 2004, Assemblymember Juan Vargas joined area residents to honor Bob McElroy for his deep concern for the homeless and his committed focus to enhancing the quality of their lives.

Bob serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Alpha Project for the Homeless, which he founded in 1986. Since 1986, Bob has created 13 programs in 7 locations, including Take Back the Streets Program, a state-licensed and certified treatment program that provides community enhancement while also providing transitional employment for homeless men and women and approximately 200 units of supportive housing for those with mental illness.

A third generation San Diegan, Bob McElroy's unwavering dedication, vision, compassion, and humility make him a remarkable and treasured community leader. Through his agency, more than 4,000 homeless and very low-income men, women, and children are provided with meaningful opportunities to improve their lives and help others do the same.

His efforts have been cited in "50 People to Watch in 2002" by San Diego Magazine, highlighted as one of 13 extraordinary people in Martin Luther King III's documentary series, Wisdom of Dreams, and recognized by Channel 10 with the Leadership Award for Best Non-Profit in 2000.



*Bob McElroy receives a special commendation from Assemblymember Juan Vargas, honoring his outstanding service as the President and CEO of the Alpha Project for the homeless.*



*Assemblymember Juan Vargas joins the staff of the Neil Good Day Center in recognizing Bob McElroy for his leadership and vision.*

